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1. MISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST ON "MIGHT" FORMULA-

TION IN PARA 1 OF REVISED DRAFT GUIDANCE, EMPHASIZING ARGUMENTS IN REF B PARA 3. (FYI. SINCE THE FRG APPEARS TO BE RECONSIDERING ITS POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD PREFER TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS IN NEXT SPC DISCUSSION. END FYI.) HOWEVER, MISSION SHOULD AVOID GIVING ANY SUPPORT TO FRG IDEA THAT SUPPLEMENT TO AHG GUIDANCE MIGHT CONTAIN AN ALLIED COMMITMENT TO COLLECTIVE REDUCTION COMMITMENTS IN PHASE II.

2. WITH REGARD TO POINT MADE BY BELGIAN REP (REF A. PARA 2) MISSION SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ALTHOUGH PRESENTATION OF OPTION III PROPOSED BY US WOULD NOT CHANGE PRESENT EASTERN INSISTENCE ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS, IT WILL ENABLE EAST TO CONSIDER OPTION III SEPARATELY FROM PHASING ISSUE, WHICH WOULD NOT BE THE CASE IF EAST WERE ASKED TO AGREE TO A NUMERICAL COMMON CEILING.

3. PENULTIMATE SUBPARA OF PARA 1 OF DRAFT GUIDANCE SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ "NAMELY, 1000 US RPT US NUCLEAR WARHEADS"

4. IN PARA 3 OF REVISED DRAFT GUIDANCE, MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST THAT PORTION BEGINNING "THEY SHOULD ALSO STATE" BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: "...THEY SHOULD ALSO STATE THAT THIS NEW ALLIED MOVE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT EXPRESSED EASTERN CONCERNS ABOUT AIR AND NUCLEAR ELEMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME THEY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THE ALLIES CONTINUE TO CONCENTRATE ON THEIR FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED CONCERN OF REDUCING THE DISPARITY IN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND TANKS WHICH IS THE MAJOR DESTABILIZING FACTOR IN CENTRAL EUROPE. ALLIED NEGOTIATORS SHOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS EXCHANGE INVOLVING MILITARY ELEMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE OF EXPRESSED CONCERN TO BOTH SIDES WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNIQUE TRADE AND THAT IT IS NOT BEING PUT FORWARD AS A STEP TOWARDS FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR OR AIR FORCES OR IN EQUIPMENT."

5. WITH REGARD TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL THAT ALLIES GIVE OTHER SIDE NO FIGURES ON OPTION III IN INITIAL PRESENTATION, WE NOTE THAT POSITION TAKEN BY MISSION HAS SUPPORT OF UK, FRG AND OTHERS AND BELIEVE THAT PROBLEM MAY DISAPPEAR OF ITSELF. INGERSOLL

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